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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR August 19. The classes cost \$50. To register, call Save-A-Life at 623-8484

Judging from the calls I get here at the office, the condition of Broadway east of Camino Seco is the number one transportation complaint in Ward 2. The trouble was that the project had been scheduled for 2017 as part of the Regional Transportation package that was passed by voters in 2006. Needless to say, this wasn't always the most popular answer that my office could give.

I've been in touch with both city and RTA officials. They said they would look into moving it up. Well, the news I heard this week is that the city has assigned an engineer to the project, and will start receiving proposals from design consultants next month. The process of design and engineering will take up most of next year, but it means the project will get started a year ahead of schedule.

Will dirt be turned tomorrow? No. But the process has started and I'll do all I can to make sure that work gets started as soon as possible. A big thank you goes out to Farhad Moghimi of

the Regional Transportation Authority and Daryl Cole of the City's Transportation Department for getting moving on this.

In other construction news, a member of my staff attended a construction meeting for the Houghton Road project this week. There was some discussion of the updates that get e-mailed out and published in this newsletter. The Department of Transportation wants to give the public the details of expected schedules, but there can be delays. For example, they lost five days of work due to rains. Still, they are expected to have paving work at the corner of Broadway and Houghton done by next month.

Those of us that drive through the area need to heed the speed limit signs. One of the troubles they are having is people going at high speed through the construction

zone and because of that, they aren't able to see that there has been a change in other traffic signage. For example, yesterday's thru lane is now right turn only because of where work is happening. This can lead to confusion and frustration for drivers. More importantly, speeding through construction zones when workers are present is dangerous for both drivers and workers. Let's be patient and safe.

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Congratulations to my colleague Richard Fimbres who had three milestones in the last week. Last Friday marked both his sixtieth birthday and his retirement from the US Army reserves. He retired as a first sergeant.



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More importantly, he and his wife Mary had their 36th wedding anniversary on Monday. Not all of you may be aware of this, but Mary keeps my office working on a daily basis. As much as I value Richard's wisdom as a colleague, I also value what Mary does to help me with constituent problems five days a week. Congratulations to both of you.

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As I'm writing this, it looks like the possible strike of the Teamsters against SunTran has been averted. I don't have too many details yet, but this is a good thing for both our drivers and riders.

LONG TERM CARE SEMINAR

A free seminar on long term care insurance will be held at Fellowship Square, Villa II Great Room, 8111 E Broadway Blvd. Topics will include: the need for long-term care (LTC) and its potential impact on your financial security, the most common long-term care myths and facts, how to help protect your assets and an introduction to an innovative new approach to affordable LTC insurance coverage.

Refreshments and desserts will be served!

When: Wednesday, Aug 20th. Two seminars, one at 1:00PM & another at 2:30PM

Who: John L Wilson Sr, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investments

RSVP to John at john.wilson@edwardjones.com or call (520) 885-8450

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: September: Himmel Park 1000 N Tucson Blvd.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Intersection work started November 4, 2013, and was originally anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of July 2014. (Actual contract ends in October, and the contractor is hopeful they can come in early.) The rains and waiting for the sewer approval have held us up, but we are moving forward as fast as we can. We still hope to be substantially complete the first part of August. Final wrap-up is expected in August 2014.

We don't have any additional shifts planned for this next week. We may work on Saturday to catch up for some lost rain time.

Water line work is completed

The new sewer installation is completed, and we finally received approval to bury the line and install the box culverts along Broadway in front of the Safeway shopping center. The boxes have been going in very quickly and the installation is about 90% complete.

Work is ongoing on storm drains and catch basins in areas where traffic is not traveling. We are also securing the site for upcoming monsoons. We have three more catch basins to install.

Landscape irrigation installation stopped for a week and is picking back up next week.

Street light pole foundations and pole installation have started. TEP will have to change out one large transmission pole on the east side north of Broadway; the swing of the line is too close to the street lights. This will happen in October when their relocation window opens back up. We will continue to work in this area.

As you probably noticed, the rains messed up some of our pre-asphalt grading, but we went out and re-graded, and have continued to try to get as much asphalt down as possible.

We are also going to modify some of our stormwater preventative measures, as we are seeing a lot of undesired results from the rains. Bear with us, as we modify things as mother nature shows us what needs attention.

We will be working with TUSD to make sure that when school starts at the end of this month, we have coordinated their bus routes with our construction. If you have any concerns about parent drop-off access, please let me know.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: Once the contractor submits their final schedule we can issue the notice to proceed. We anticipate that we are days away from this. Once we reach this point, the contractor will be moving their field office and staging area to its new location at the Houghton and 22nd Street intersection. They are still trying to decide if it will be at the southeast or southwest corner of that intersection. It is estimated that this work will take about four months. It appears that the small building that will be part of the Park & Ride (for bus drivers), has a long lead time for ordering, so that may come in shortly after we complete the Park & Ride.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is in progress, and full construction is anticipated to start in late July or August. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and they are about 70% complete.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 80% complete on the distribution lines, and 20% complete with their underground work.

Kleven is relocating for CenturyLink. They are 100% complete on placing conduit and pulling cable, and 40% complete with splicing. They have added additional splicers for this work to keep it moving forward.

Time Warner was out this week adjusting their lines to make sure they are compatible with the new project.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean.

The artists for this project have been selected. We are waiting for all the final approvals (several months), and once the artists have their notice to proceed, we will schedule a meeting for you to meet them and share ideas. There are numerous possible locations for art throughout this project area.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The Carol West Senior Addition will have a showing of The Vettters documentary, "A Father's Love. A Family's triumph" and a visit with Janis Vetter on Thursday, August 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the activity is sponsored by Comforcare. The event is free and sign up early as space is limited.

Seniors will have an opportunity to attend a field trip to Sunrise Senior Living on Wednesday, August 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.00. The event will include the following activities: Peanut Auction, floral arranging, a tour and lunch. Space is limited.

Contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions regarding the events listed above.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published, and is now available. The catalog will have complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO After-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and much more. The program guide and class catalog can be found at any of Parks and Recreation facilities, all Wendy's locations in the City, and in many of the local libraries. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Fall Classes run August 24, 2014 through November 29, 2014.

Residents and non-city residents may register for all leisure and Adaptive Aquatic classes by using either EZEereg on-line at www.EZEereg.com or by phone at 573-3933. See the program guide for registration information and deadlines. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Schedule for Closures During Annual Maintenance:

William Clements Regional Center, August 4-9

Randolph Regional Center, August 4-9

Morris K. Udall Regional Center, August 11-16

SAACA and Cox Movies in the Park: The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and Cox Communications will host Movies in the Park at Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) throughout the summer. The events will include fun and games for the entire family including food vendors, live music, jumping castles, balloon twisters, arts and crafts, non-profit exhibits and more. Free admission and all movies begin at dusk (approximately 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.). Attached is the flyer with additional information or call 797-3959. You may also visit http://www.saaca.org/Cox_Movies_in_the_Park.php

Farmers Market: The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

Fall Swim Schedule: The Fall schedule has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

Softball Registration: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall 2014 Softball League season begins September 2, 2014. Walk-in registration takes place at the Sports Unit in the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. beginning August 4 through August 20. The contact number is 791-4870. Attached is the flyer with full details.

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

